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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 1-21 are present in the application. Claims 1, 8 and 14 are amended herein.

Claims 1, 7/1, 8 and 10-13/8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Brady et al in view of Keane et al and Senga et al.

Claims 1, 7/1, 8 and 10-13/8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly obvious by Brady et al in view of Keane et al and Senga et al in view of Ueda and Smith et al.

Claims 1, 2, (7/1,2), 8-14 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly obvious by Brady et al in view of Keane et al and Senga et al in view of Garber and Platzner et al.

Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly obvious by Brady et al in view of Keane et al, Senga et al Garber and Platzner et al in view of Ueda and Smith et al.

Applicant respectfully traverses.

The processes shown by the documents cited by the Examiner do not seem to be dealing with individual sheets in the manner the applicant's invention does. The claims were amended to include the concept of iteratively supplying the sheets, but the Examiner seems to interpret "iterative" to mean "repeatedly" or "continuous", and concludes that continuous is shown in the art. Applicant use of the term iterative is in the meaning of

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"discrete" or "one by one" (as used by the specification).
Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the clarifying amendments herein be entered and considered prior to filing of an appeal brief by applicant, as it is believed the application would be in allowable condition in view of this comment..

The cited documents not dealing with holograms, but instead dealing with photo sensitive sheets and cutting out decals so the decals are same shape as a circular silicone wafer. These documents are not in an art that would teach the applicant's invention.

Also, regarding Ueda, the Examiner says that while it is discussed in the background, and that it has shortcoming in that it might result in non-clean operations, the Examiner does not agree that it might have shortcomings and says that no evidence is given to this effect. Applicant respectfully submits that the specification of the present application, which quotes JP-09-054539 (Ueda) clearly defines the issue. According to Ueda, it is not possible to prevent the development of dents of rollers on the film caused by the pressure from guide rollers when the film having the separator together and to be fed to the roller are intermittently supplied, and also, it is not possible to exclude the debris caused by sheet cutting or the attachment of the debris. (Specification page 3, lines 19 and following).

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By supplying hologram recording photosensitive material after short cutting process, this problem can be solved.

The Examiner also said that if applicant were to add the concept that there is a discontinuity, he wants proof or some evidence that it provides an unexpected result. As noted above, this was described in the specification

The main reference is basically like a carrier sheet. The present invention does not employ such concept and the absence of the carrier sheet can be explained as advantageous in that it does not carry debris or particles along that might contaminate the process. But, since the carrier sheet is tacky, because neither the supporting film and separator have tack, it is highly possible that debris is carried together which can cause contamination.

The Examiner comments that the limitations of claims 10 and 11 are considered intended use, alleging that the films are not described as part of the apparatus. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner here, as the films are clearly set forth as an element of the apparatus in claim 8.

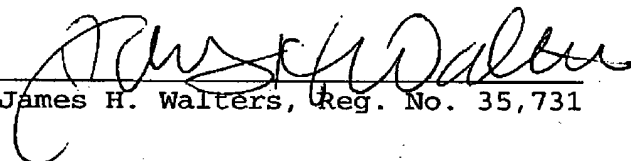
It is respectfully submitted that in view of the above remarks, the claims are neither anticipated nor obvious in view of the documents, whether considered alone or when combined.

In light of the above noted amendments and remarks, this application is believed in condition for allowance and notice

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thereof is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is asked to contact applicant's attorney at 503-224-0115 if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,


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